

The Georgia Board of Nursing met February 6, 2004 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217-3858.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS, Vice-President
Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Karen Wessinger, BSHE

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA Executive Director
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Mrs. Stegall called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. with Dr. Roberts-Betsch presiding at 11:09 a.m.

Dr. Darden moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h) and 43-26-11 to deliberate enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and administrative cases. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Darden, Mrs. Herren, Mr. Thigpen, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et. seq.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

RNI040002- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Expedited Public Consent Order to include No Agency work and Narcotics Restrictions. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040289- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be received in the Board office within fourteen (14) days of dated certified mail receipt. If not received in the Board office within the required time, refer to the Attorney General's office for further sanctions. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040274- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure to run concurrent with applicant's Legal Probation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040311- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040313- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040314- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three (3) months suspension and a M/P/E to be completed during time of suspension. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040315- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040316- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040207- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040318- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040319- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040317- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040320- Mrs. Wessinger moved to Deny Licensure by Examination. In addition, write the applicant a letter requesting a Personal Appearance before the Board. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

3801990113- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Consent Order extending probation for one (1) year. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040157- Mr. Thigpen moved to amend the January 11, 2004 Board decision to reflect a Private Consent Order for unauthorized practice and a fine of \$1000 to include payment schedule. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall abstaining.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rule 410-10-01(1): FEES- Mrs. Herren moved to amend Rule to omit 'remitted by means other than a personal check', with the last sentence stating 'Fees must be paid in US Funds.' Refer to the Attorney General's office for Official Opinion. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall opposed.

CERTIFICATION:

The Board discussed Board Rule 410-12-04(3)(b), as it relates to CRNA's and the requirements of official transcripts for eventual APRN Authorization. It was determined the official transcript must include graduation/completion of specific information as identified in the aforementioned Rule, for staff to proceed with processing of the applicant's request for authorization.

RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee will meet Wednesday, February 25, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47p.m.

Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

These minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on March 11, 2004.